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### **UM STUDENT TOPS IN ATLANTIC MONTHLY WRITING CONTEST**

#### **MISSOULA—**

University of Montana graduate student Carter Benton has won a prestigious first-place award in the Atlantic Monthly's 2007 Student Writing Contest.

Benton, who is from **Phoenix, Ariz.**, is pursuing a master's degree in fine arts at UM. He was awarded first place in the contest's fiction category for his short story "The Second Coming of Gray Badger." The story is about two brothers stealing a racehorse, Benton said.

"My father, Rodger Benton, trained thoroughbreds, and he has hundreds of great stories about the people he worked around at small tracks throughout the West," he said. "My mother, Quita Benton, helped my father run the thoroughbred breeding facility where I grew up."

Benton also was selected as one of 10 finalists in the 2007 Short-Short Story Contest of the Sonora Review, the University of Arizona's literary magazine, for his story "Green River Burial." He currently is working on a novel.

Benton graduated from Brophy College Preparatory in Phoenix in 1997 and received a bachelor's degree in economics from Arizona State University in 2002. He then worked for

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four years in the agricultural real estate business.

He came to UM in the fall of 2005, and his wife, Joanna, also from Phoenix, joined him after their wedding in 2006. He plans to complete his master's degree at UM spring semester 2008.

The Atlantic Monthly invites submissions in poetry, fiction and personal or journalistic essays for the annual Student Writing Contest. Work submitted must be original and unpublished and demonstrate superior quality of expression and craftsmanship.

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